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ACTION STR AND CUSTOMS SERVICE

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E.O.11652: NA

TAGS: MTN, ETRD, CA

SUBJECT: IMPORT CLASSIFICATION OF MEAT

REFS: (A) 76 MTN GENEVA 9957, (B) STATE 5407, (C) MTN  
GENEVA 0662

1. SINCE US-CANADIAN AG. CONSULTATIONS (SEE REFTELS),  
CANADIANS HAVE SOUGHT FURTHER INFORMATION ON CERTAIN U.S.  
CUSTOMS CLASSIFICATION PRACTICES WITH REGARD TO MEAT.

2. CANADIANS HAVE ASKED WHETHER BEEF CARCASSES BROKEN  
INTO "HRIHALGZORSIMAL#CUTS" WHICH ARE PARTIALLY  
DEFATTED AND DEBONED AND VACUUM-PACKAGED FOR SHIPMENT  
TO RETAIL STORES (SO-CALLED "BLOCK-READY" BEEF) IS CON-  
SIDERED PREPARED OR PRESERVED AS PER THE HEADNOTE  
SUBPART B, PART 2, SCHEDULE1, TSUS.

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3. DURING AGRICULTURAL CONSULTATIONS WE INFORMED  
CANADIANS THAT AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS COULD INCLUDE  
CRYOVAC PLASTIC BAGS (PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL B).  
CANADIANS NOW HAVE PRESSED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON  
THE CLASSIFICATION OF PREPARED OR PRESERVED MEAT WHICH IS  
"VACUUM-PACKAGED." FYI. WE ARE AWARE OF THE TARIFF  
CLASSIFICATION STUDY EXPLANATORY MATERIALS (CIE 1/64)

WHICH CITES CIE 2542/57 AND CIE 541/58 AS IMPLYING THAT FLEXIBLE PLASTIC CONTAINERS, SO LONG AS THEY ARE "IMPENETRABLE TO THE PASSAGE OF AIR" ARE AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS. END FYI.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) PLEASE PROVIDE U.S. MTN DEL WITH APPROPRIATE CUSTOMS INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT INDICATE AT WHAT BUTCHERING STAGE CUSTOMS WOULD DEEM THAT BEEF WAS CUT INTO FANCY CUTS, SPECIAL SHAPES, ETC., THEREBY FALLING WITHIN THE HEADNOTE DEFINITION OF "PREPARED OR PRESERVED" MEAT.

(B) PLEASE ALSO U.S.MTN DEL WITH RELEVANT INFORMATION WHICH ESTABLISHES DEFINITION OF AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.WALKER

NOTE BY OC/T: #AS RECEIVED.

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